

after they have become involved in a \$25,000,000 project. Now, gentlemen, if we have one responsibility in here, it is to promulgate the best possible most understandable laws that we can. This thing cannot in any way be interpreted as being clear, concise or even uniform. It conflicts with itself within its own drafting, and I suggest to you that we not expose anyone in this state to the kind of a potential liability that this bill is going to put into effect. This is simply an amendment to a bill that is already a disastrous conflict, and until someone has the courage to test it before the court, before involving you the taxpayer and some developer and some city in a law suit from a citizen in the middle of a project, I think it would be probably the gravest most serious mistake that this Legislature has made since I have been here. There is no excuse for flying in the face of repeated Attorney General's opinions saying it is confusing, it is unclear, we don't understand, and create a potential liability that this bill would create. I ask that this Legislature send this bill back to committee, that the committee look at 158, that the committee redraft the whole proposition, that the committee submit it to the Attorney General before putting it out here, and that this Legislature not be washed into a corner like a bunch of pelicans chasing small fish by the Chambers of Commerce of our two largest cities. We have a responsibility to the citizen taxpayer who is ultimately going to pay for this, and we have a greater responsibility to our cities who could inadvertently become trapped in a liability, like I say in this case \$25,000,000. If we buy the Fontenelle Hotel and the Bemis Bag Company, \$100,000,000. We are creating a trap for someone, and I think it is extremely badly drafted and that we should not put our names to it. I ask that you send it back to committee. Clean it up. You bring a clean bill on this floor that supports the incremental tax and I, though I do not concur with the idea, will support a clean bill. But there is no way, there is no way I can bring myself to commit this Legislature to such a hodge-podge of conflict and then entrap some developer.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George, and then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President, I most certainly disagree with what Senator Murphy just said. If you really want to look at the letter by the Attorney General, it is on page 615 of the Journal, there are really two issues raised. The phraseology, "constitutionally suspect", you are used to that. That appears in practically every letter that the Attorney General sends to us. It doesn't mean